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August 11, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF LITTLEROCK AND SOUTH WHITTIER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 4, AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award public works construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute contracts for work in the unincorporated communities of Littlerock and South Whittier.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds and insurance filed by the contractors for the following:

- Project ID No. RDC0014728 - 87th Street East at Avenue T, to reconstruct and widen roadway, install traffic signals and striping and pavement markings, in the unincorporated community of Littlerock, to Bannaoun Engineers Constructors Corporation, in the amount of \$997,614.30.
- Project ID No. RDC0015145 - Cross Gutter Replacement Projects A, B, and C, to reconstruct cross gutters, sidewalk, driveway aprons, and curb ramps, in the unincorporated community of South Whittier, to Gentry Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$1,452,267.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' (Board) approval to award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

See enclosures as follows for each project. The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed.

- Project ID No. RDC0014728 - Sheets 1A and 1B
- Project ID No. RDC0015145 - Sheets 2A and 2B

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board directed and approved Department of Public Works (Public Works) projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and the subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0014728 are included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Proposition C Local Return Budget.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0015145 are included in the First and Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Programs in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and your Board's requirements.

These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that;

- (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost;
- (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and
- (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contracts are awarded to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid and a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

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CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

Public Works will review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014728 - 87TH STREET EAST AT AVENUE T (in the unincorporated community of Littlerock), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruction and widening of roadway pavement, installation of traffic signals and striping and pavement markings, and performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 19, 2009 (Agenda Item 46)

BID OPENING DATE: June 16, 2009

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Bannaoun Engineers Constructors Corporation 9614 Cozycroft Avenue Chatsworth, California 91311 (818) 999-0394	\$ 997,614.30
2	Granite Construction Company	\$1,026,262.00
3	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$1,134,970.00
4	*ANM Construction & Engineering	\$1,135,086.00
5	Vance Corporation	\$1,159,689.80
6	Imperial Paving Company, Inc.	\$1,193,715.00
7	C. A. Rasmussen, Inc.	\$1,353,688.00
8	Asphalt Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,383,096.75

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,579,795.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 997,614.30
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 582,180.70

The amount of the recommended contract is 37 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Bannaoun Engineers Constructors Corporation has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On May 19, 2009, Agenda Item 46, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 120 working days. It is estimated the work will start in October 2009 and be completed in April 2010.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015145 - CROSS GUTTER REPLACEMENT PROJECTS A, B, AND C (in the unincorporated community of South Whittier), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruction of concrete cross gutters, sidewalk, driveway aprons, and curb ramps.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 19, 2009 (Agenda Item 46)

BID OPENING DATE: June 16, 2009

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Gentry Brothers, Inc., a corporation 384 East Live Oak Avenue Irwindale, California 91706-1313 (626) 357-9631	\$1,452,267.00
2	Elite Bobcat Service, Inc.	\$1,586,990.00
3	Pave West	\$1,652,194.84
4	C J Construction, Inc.	\$1,663,154.25
5	All American Asphalt	\$1,690,000.00
6	*Toro Enterprises, Inc.	\$1,698,798.30
7	*Martinez Concrete, Inc.	\$1,762,850.50
8	Nobest Incorporated	\$1,813,009.00
9	Vido Samarzich, Inc.	\$1,822,753.00
10	Los Angeles Engineering, Inc.	\$2,079,545.30
11	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$2,136,059.80
12	*LH Engineering Company, Inc.	\$2,165,347.00
13	Peterson-Chase General Engineering Construction	\$2,214,919.00
14	Griffith Company	\$2,433,400.00
15	S. Parker Engineering, Inc.	\$2,654,601.00
16	Kalban, Inc.	\$2,786,208.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$2,030,035.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,452,267.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 577,768.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 28 percent below the estimate.

The project cost will be financed with Proposition 1B funds under the Local Streets and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account of 2006. This project is included in the First and Fourth Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Programs in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Gentry Brothers, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On May 19, 2009, Agenda Item 46, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 180 working days. It is estimated the work will start in October 2009 and be completed in July 2010.

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